

## II. Remarks/Arguments

Claims 2-6, 8-14, 27, and 46-50 were previously pending. Claims 2 and 46 have been amended in light of the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action dated January 18, 2007. Reconsideration of presently pending claims 2-6, 8-14, 27, and 46-50 is respectfully requested in light of the amendments. An early formal notice of allowance of claims 2-6, 8-14, 27, and 46-50 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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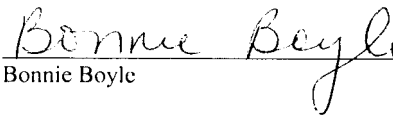
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